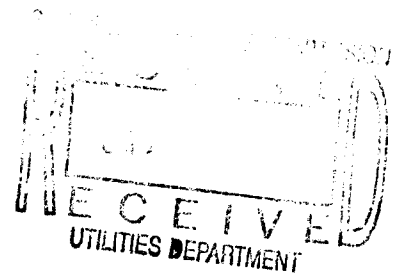


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December 14, 2001

Mr. David Lacoste
Public Service Commission of SC
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211



Re: Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and United States
Cellular Corporation pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No.

Dear Mr. Lacoste:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and United States Cellular Corporation are submitting to the South Carolina Public Service Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and United States Cellular within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exists as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

The term of this agreement shall be from June 14, 2001 to June 13, 2002.

Very truly yours,

s/C. Lesley Addis

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